IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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CONDUCTORS CREATED BY METAL DEPOSITION USING A

SELECTIVE PASSIVATION LAYER AND RELATED METHODS

November 29, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present Amendment is being filed to address the issues raised in the Official Action mailed August 31, 2006.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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